

Congressman Fitzpatrick Announces Workshop on 2005 Firefighter Assistance Grant Program

Session To Help Local Fire Departments Receive Federal Aid

Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick has announced the scheduling of a U.S. Fire Administration sponsored workshop to help fire departments receive federal financial aid. The event is designed to explain the 2005 grant program, and answer questions from potential grant applicants.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program assists rural, urban, and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. These funds increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, and emergency medical service programs, in local departments.

“Last year, this was a very popular program with Pennsylvania’s fire departments. And with good reason-this is a great way to further improve the conditions in which our fire departments operate,” said Congressman Fitzpatrick. “Last year more than \$600,000 went to eight fire companies in Bucks County.”

The workshop will cover the application process, and offer guidance in completing a successful application.

This workshop schedule is as follows:

**Saturday, February 26, 2005
7:00pm
Bucks County Public Safety Training Center
1760 South Easton Road
Doylestown, PA 18901**

For additional information, interested attendees may contact Barbara Sauers at 215-752-7711.

Grant application will be taken March 7 through April 8 via the US Department of Homeland Security website www.firegrantsupport.com.